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Air Evacuation in War: The Role of RAAF Nurses Undertaking Air Evacuation of Casualties between 1943-1953

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This research employed both the historical narrative and historical analytical methods to document the development of Royal Australian Air Force's medical air evacuation system and the role of the flight nurse in two wars between 1943 and 1953. Interviews with Australian ex-flight nurses deployed specifically to undertake flight-nursing duties in war-time enabled further exploration of the training, role and working conditions of these flight nurses. The analysis reveals the significance of 'being a good nurse' and gender and class in shaping the flight nurse's role. The research is important in documenting the valuable contribution that the flight nurses made to the Australian war efforts.

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